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SUBJECT: CHERNYAYEV/ENGER CASE

1. ON JUNE 22, VASEV CALLED SHULMAN TO PROTEST TREATMENT OF CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER IN PRISON WHERE THEY ARE BEING HELD. HE CLAIMED NEW PRISONERS HAD BEEN MOVED INTO ADJOINING CELLS WHO TAUNTED AND MOCKED THE SOVIETS. THE PRISON GUARD ALLEGEDLY ALSO HARRASSED THEM BY SHINING A FLASH LIGHT INTO THEIR FACE AND WAKING THEM UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. FURTHERMORE, ENGER WAS FORCED TO CLEAN WALLS OF THE SHOWER. VASEV'S PROTEST ENDED WITH THINLY VEILED THREAT THAT CRAWFORD WOULD RECEIVE SIMILAR TREATMENT IF THE SITUATION WAS NOT CORRECTED.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF BUREAU OF
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PRISONS, WHO SPOKE WITH THE WARDEN OF THE PRISON, SHULMAN CALLED VASEV BACK. HE TOLD HIM THAT THE CHARGES HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY AND FOUND TO BE UNSUBSTANTIATED. HE ADDED THAT THE PRISON WAS A MODERN ONE WHICH HAD ROOMS RATHER THAN CELLS AND THE SOVIETS' ROOM WOULD BE CHANGED. THEY WILL BE KEPT OUT OF CONTACT WITH OTHER PRISONERS. CHERNYAYEV WAS SUFFERING FROM HYPERTENSION AND WOULD BE

SEEN BY A DOCTOR PROMPTLY. HE NOTED FINALLY, PRISONERS
WERE SUBJECT TO A BED CHECK WHICH WAS NOT INTENDED AS
HARASSMENT. VANCE

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